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August 29, 2007

TO: Each Supervisor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Browning", written over a horizontal line.

FROM: Philip L. Browning, Director

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) PROGRAM

This is to advise you that we have received a letter from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) informing us that our proposal for continued funding for the Traffic Safety Program was not selected for funding.

Currently, we have a contract in the amount of \$1.1 million, for a 28-month period, with the State of California for the OTS project which is due to expire on January 31, 2008. We contract with sixteen (16) Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to provide OTS services and those contracts will also expire on January 31, 2008. Attached is a chart of the CBOs with which we currently contract for OTS services and their funding amounts.

The OTS services consist of providing Child Safety Restraint System and Pedestrian Safety Training to the financially-challenged community. The purpose of the Child Safety Restraint System Training is to reduce the number of child passengers killed or injured in motor vehicle accidents by providing educational programs to parents and caregivers on how to properly install and use child safety seats. As part of the Child Safety Restraint System Training, the contractors provide free car seats which we purchase with OTS grant funds. The Pedestrian Safety Training is designed to reduce the number of pedestrians killed or injured by providing educational training to pedestrians on how to read traffic signs, cross the street safely, and be visible on the street.

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Contractors will be notified that there are no additional funds to support the continuation of the OTS program, and that there will therefore be no Request for Proposal (RFP) for new contracts following termination of the current contracts effective January 31, 2008. Additionally, contractors will be notified that they could refer their participants to other organizations that provide the same or similar services in Los Angeles County, including Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Safe Kids, SafetyBeltSafe USA and Glendora Police Department.

In June 2007, our Department posted an announcement in local newspapers informing the community that a new OTS RFP was going to be released. An addendum to this announcement will be released and posted in local newspapers informing the community that the OTS RFP will no longer be released due to no funding from the State beyond expiration of the current contracts on January 31, 2008.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or need additional information.

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Deputy CEO
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**Office of Traffic Safety
Contractor Funding Amounts
Funding Period: March 1, 2006 – January 31, 2008**

No.	Agency Name	Funding Amount
1	African American Unity Center	\$31,675.88
2	Armenian Relief	\$7,461.88
3	Asian Youth Center	\$22,230.88
4	Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills	\$4,149.88
5	Broad Spectrum Community Development	\$14,631.88
6	Campaign for Social Justice	\$17,208.88
7	Centinela Youth Services	\$20,235.88
8	Chicana Service Action Center, Inc.	\$51,249.88
9	Chinatown Service Center	\$17,169.88
10	Coalition for Mental Health	\$11,088.88
11	Community Rehabilitation	\$2,369.88
12	Creative Neighbors	\$29,026.88
13	Eastmont Community Center	\$9,352.88
14	Foothill Unity Center	\$7,227.88
15	Institute for Multicultural Counseling & Educational Service	\$19,900.88
16	Office of Samoan Affairs	\$67,941.88
GRAND TOTAL		\$332,924